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REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-8, and 10-11 remain pending in this application. Claims 1 and 8 have been amended and claims 2 and 9 have been deleted.

Rejection of Claims 1, 3-8, and 10 under 35 U.S.C. 103

Claims 1, 3-8, and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over Rodeffer (US 5,507,025) in view of Ben-Efraim et al. (US 5,844,948).

The allowable limitations of claims 2 and 9 have been added to independent claims 1 and 8 respectively. It is submitted that independent claims 1 and 8 are allowable for at least the reasons that previously submitted dependant claims 2 and 9 were allowable. It is further submitted that dependent claims 3-7 and 10-11 are allowable for at least the same reasons that independent claims 1 and 8 are allowable. Such action is respectfully requested.

The applicant respectfully submits, in view of the above arguments, that the all arguments made by the Examiner have been addressed and this rejection should be withdrawn. Therefore, the applicant respectfully submits that the present claimed invention is patentable.

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